

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has supported volunteer tree planting events throughout all City Wards beginning in 1983, with the vision to reforest its City streets after the loss of several thousand American Elm Trees; and

WHEREAS, with the help and continued support of Burlington residents, we have planted more than 6,000 trees over the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has been a valued Tree City USA member for 18 years, having achieved the Arbor Day Foundation's four standards: a Tree Board/Department, a Community Tree Ordinance, a Community Forestry Program with an annual budget of \$2 or more per capita, and an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, TD Bank, in cooperation with the Arbor Day Foundation, has created the TD Green Streets program, which supports innovative practices in community forestry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, through the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Community and Economic Development Office, working with the Urban & Community Forestry program of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, Branch Out Burlington, and Burlington's residents, seeks to maintain a healthy and sustainable urban forest that contributes to the economic, social, and environmental vitality of the City; and

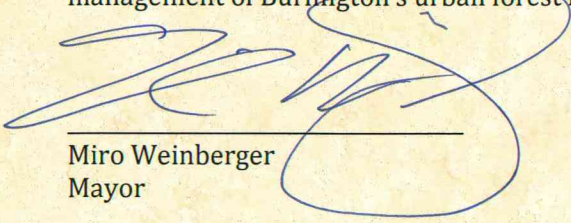
WHEREAS, funding from TD Green Streets will enhance Burlington's urban forestry program by enriching partnerships, supporting public greening efforts, providing volunteer opportunities, and increasing public and professional awareness of urban forestry; and

WHEREAS, through the TD Green Streets program, recognizing that citizen involvement in the care of the urban forest is key to its stability and sustainability, TD Bank and the Arbor Day Foundation are fostering stewards of the urban forest throughout Burlington;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2013 to be

TD GREEN STREETS COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that healthy street trees play an integral role in the City's ecological health, historical identity, aesthetic value, and quality of life, and proper management of Burlington's urban forest is a priority of the City.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

